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1 September 1960

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Representative Francis E. Walter's Resolution  
Calling for Investigation of all Intelligence Agencies**

1. This afternoon, Mr. Elder called me to advise me of a press ticker item indicating that Francis Walter had introduced today a resolution authorizing the House Committee on Un-American Activities to conduct a complete investigation of all intelligence agencies in the Government.

2. After advising Mr. Houston of this, I attempted to call Mr. Robert Smart, Chief Counsel of the House Armed Services Committee, but was unable to reach him. Mr. Houston was later informed that Representative Walter had stated on the floor of the House something to the effect that the FBI had given the CIA enough information on [redacted] to disqualify him for employment with this Agency. I obtained copies of Walter's press release and resolution on this from the HCUA and carried a copy immediately to Bob Smart who was not aware of either the resolution or Walter's statement.

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3. Smart mentioned in strict confidence that both he and Representative Kilday had been briefed by Defense on the cases of the two NSA employees yesterday in connection with Majority Leader McCormack's statement the day before asking that HCUA conduct an investigation of these cases since he was informed that these two employees possessed significant security information. Smart said that Mr. Kilday, who is on very friendly terms with Representative Walter, had planned to discuss this matter with Walter today, however, Smart does not know for a fact that this meeting took place. It had been Kilday's intention to advise Walter that this was a military matter which was being handled by the Armed Services Committee. (Smart mentioned in passing that he did not believe that upon thorough investigation McCormack's statement regarding the information in the possession of the NSA employees would stand up.) Smart attempted to reach Mr. Kilday by telephone but was unable to contact him. Smart will be on military leave for two weeks starting tomorrow but said he would be in his office tomorrow afternoon to wind up some of the Committee's business. It was agreed that we would contact one another if we learn of further developments on this.

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UPI-107 AND UPI-111

(SECURITY)

REP. FRANCIS E. WALTER, ID-PA., SAID TODAY THAT TWO MISSING EMPLOYEES OF THE SUPER-SECRET NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY HAD NOT BEEN CLEARED BY THE FBI BEFORE THEY WERE HIRED.

WALTER ASKED THE HOUSE TO DIRECT THE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, WHICH HE HEADS, TO INVESTIGATE ALL GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE NSA.

HE INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE A "FULL AND COMPLETE STUDY" OF INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES. HE SAID HE EXPECTED THE HOUSE TO ACT UPON IT BEFORE ADJOURNING.

THE COMMITTEE LAUNCHED A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY THIS WEEK INTO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF NSA MATHEMATICIANS BEGON F. MITCHELL AND WILLIAM H. MARTIN.

WALTER TOLD UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL HE WAS "ASTOUNDED TO FIND" THAT NEITHER MAN HAD BEEN CLEARED BY THE FBI. HE SAID THE FBI HAD A FILE ON ONE OF THEM.

THE INQUIRY INTO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MITCHELL AND MARTIN WAS REQUESTED BY HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER JOHN W. MCCORMACK WHO SAID HE HAD INFORMATION WHICH "LEAVES NO DOUBT" THAT THEY HAD FLED TO RUSSIA WITH VALUABLE INFORMATION ABOUT U.S. CODES.

IN INTRODUCING THE RESOLUTION FOR A BROAD INQUIRY INTO INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, WALTER SAID HE HAD FELT FOR A LONG TIME THAT CONGRESS "SHOULD BE MORE FULLY INFORMED" ABOUT THEM.

HE SAID HE BELIEVED THE COMMITTEE ALREADY HAD AUTHORITY TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION, BUT ASKED FOR A SPECIFIC DIRECTIVE TO AVOID ANY QUESTION OF OVERLAPPING THE JURISDICTION OF ANOTHER HOUSE COMMITTEE.

WALTER SAID THE PROPOSED INVESTIGATION WOULD COVER THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES AS WELL AS THE NSA.

THE RESOLUTION DIRECTS THE COMMITTEE TO ANALYZE THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF EACH AGENCY. IT REQUIRES THAT "EXTREME CAUTION" BE TAKEN TO PREVENT ANY POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OR INTELLIGENCE TECHNIQUES USED.

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Release from the Office of Congressman Walter (D) 15th Pennsylvania.

Congressman Francis E. Walter announced today that Mr. Frank S. Tavenner, Jr., counsel for the House Committee on Un-American Activities for the past eleven years, has been appointed Staff Director for the Committee and Mr. Alfred M. Nittle of East Bangor, Pennsylvania, as counsel.

Mr. Tavenner was Acting Chief of Counsel for nine months during the international trials of the major war criminals in Japan. For seven years, he was Assistant U. S. Attorney and for eight years, he served as the U. S. Attorney in the Western District of Virginia.

The new Staff Director received his M.A. degree from Princeton University, his LL.B. from the University of Virginia and his LL.D. at Roanoke College.

Mr. Nittle was Assistant District Attorney of Northampton County, Pennsylvania, for eight years until 1956. He received his LL.B. at the Harvard Law School, after completing his undergraduate work at Harvard College.

Mr. Walter attended the swearing-in as a Commissioner in the U. S. Court of Claims of Mr. Richard Arens, the former Staff Director of the Committee on Un-American Activities, who has served in that capacity with the Committee for more than five years. This culminates a period of more than thirteen years in which Mr. Arens has served as Staff Director of Senate and House committees.

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

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Bob Smart was not aware of Walter's resolution until we showed it to him about four o'clock. He said it would require a suspension of the rules to get it through and he did not believe this was possible tonight. In any case, he is alerted and will talk to Mr. Kilday. The text of Walter's remarks on the floor cannot be gotten until tomorrow morning in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Smart told us in confidence he and Kilday were briefed by NSA on the two defectors yesterday.

/s/  
Lawrence R. Houston  
General Counsel

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